GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sharp rise in the demand of petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is scarcity of petroleum products in the country, particularly In Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has identified new crude oil reserves in the country for exploration, for domestic consumption saving foreign reserves;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details in regard to production of petroleum products and their imports during last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI PINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir. The demand for petroleum products and its growth rate in the country during the last three years and in the current year (April - October, 2008] is as given below:-

	Demand (Million Metric Tonnes) (MMT)	Growth Rate (%)
2005-06	113.213	1.4
2006-07	120.749	6.7
2007-08	128.946	6.8
2008-09 (Apr-Oct, 2008)	75.521	4.1

(c) & (d): There is no shortage of petroleum products in the country including Karnataka State. Government had received some complaints/reports about the nonavailability of diesel in some States in the period from July to October,2008.OMCs reported that sporadic incidence of non- availability was due to a surge in demand for diesel for power generation in these States.However, the demand of all sectors including Agriculture and transport sector is fully met.

(e) & (f): Yes,Sir.Under the Seventh round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VII),the Government of India has awarded 44 blocks (11 deepwater blocks; 7 shallow water blocks & 26 on land blocks) for exploration and production of oil and gas covering an area of 1.22 Lakhs Sq Km.

(g); The details in regard to production of petroleum products and their imports during the last three years and in the current year is as given below:

Period	Production (MMT)	Import (MMT)
2005-06	124.10	13.441
2006-07	140.00	17.660
2007-08	149.90	22.716
2008-09 (Apr-Oct,2008)	90.80	11.596